

What is claimed is:

1. Apparatus for cleaning a wastewater pipe of blockages and foreign debris buildup comprising in combination:
  - a. A source of compressed gas connected to said wastewater pipe at a selected connection location;
  - b. An electrically operated solenoid valve interposed between said source and said connection location;
  - c. A check valve positioned in said wastewater pipe upstream from said connection location, said valve arranged to pass wastewater downstream to said location and to prevent the flow of said gas upstream from said location;
  - d. A float positioned in said wastewater pipe upstream from said location; and
  - e. An electrical switch operatively connected to said solenoid valve and communicating with said float whereby when said wastewater pipe is blocked downstream from said connection location, wastewater will fill said pipe upstream from said check valve, said float will rise, said solenoid will be activated, and a burst of compressed gas will enter said pipe at said connection location.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 further including a timer interposed between said switch and said solenoid valve for controlling the duration of said burst of compressed gas.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 further including an expanded chamber in said pipe for receiving said float.
4. The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the top of said chamber has a port and further includes a shaft extending from said float through said port to communicate with said switch.

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